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Re: Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations, Summo USA Corporation (Summo),
Lisbon Valley Copper, M/037/088, San Juan County, Utah

Dear Mr. Gochnour:

Thank you for dropping in last Thursday and briefly meeting with us. This letter acknowledges the Division's receipt of Summo's Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations. On August 23, 1996, the Division received two copies of Summo's notice submission. The submission included the following volumes: (1) Notice of Intent to Commence Large Scale Mining Operations - Lisbon Valley Project, August 1996; (2) Proposed Plan of Operations - Lisbon Valley Project of August 8, 1995; (3) Lisbon Valley Project Heap Leach Facility Design Report, June 1996; and (4) Lisbon Valley Project Utah Groundwater Discharge Permit Application, July 25, 1996.

The Division will be reviewing these documents for compliance with the Minerals Rules and Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act. We anticipate our review of these documents to be completed sometime during the first two weeks of October 1996. After resolving any technical issues that may be raised during our review, the Division will then be ready to issue its tentative approval of the project. Once we publish our tentative approval decision, a 30-day public comment period is initiated. Normally, the public comment period expires before we present the form and amount of reclamation surety to the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining for their approval. Please contact me or Tony Gallegos of my staff, if you have any questions in this regard.

Sincerely,

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